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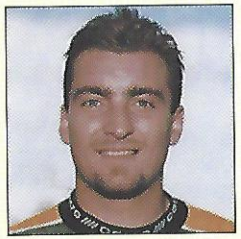

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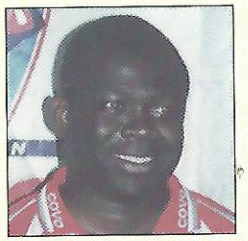

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From the Moose's Mouth

Last week was another fantastic result for the Melbourne Knights Soccer Club, particularly playing away from home against a fellow finals contender. Some good football was matched by an even better result, and now we are sitting in the top six and we need to maintain that position.

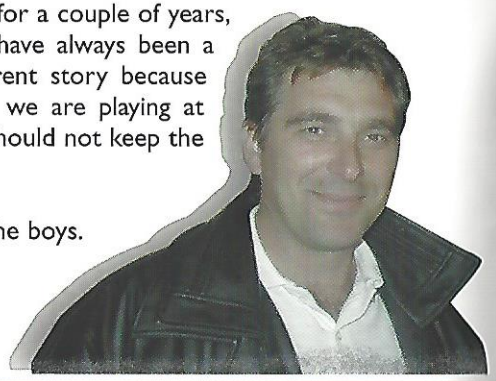
The squad had Monday and Thursday night off, so the boys will no doubt be refreshed going into today's match. Andrew Marth is back in the line up after missing last week due to overseas business commitments.

Canberra Cosmos are a side we haven't beaten for a couple of years, and regardless of our ladder positioning, they have always been a tough opposition. I think today will be a different story because confidence in the camp is extremely high and we are playing at Knights Stadium so there is no reason why we should not keep the points here.

I hope you enjoy today's match and get behind the boys.

Coach

vlado vanis



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Knights news

John on the mend

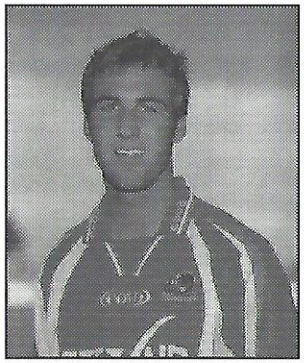
Our forgotten man Martin John has finally resumed playing, albeit in the National Youth League. John played a full match against Preston Lions a fortnight ago, which the Knights won 4-1.

At 20 years of age, John was hoping for a big season both on an individual and team level, but the injury has set him back somewhat. He has been sidelined for four months after straining an AC joint in training after the Round 1 victory away to Brisbane Strikers.

John looked comfortable in goals for the Youth team and is hoping to press for first team selection soon. "I'm still not 100% but I'm getting there... It's up to me to work hard and get back into the team, but hopefully I can get back onto the bench soon for the first team," said John.

"It's taken me a couple of weeks to get into diving and get the confidence back because of the long layoff. My keeping fitness isn't there and the judgement has gone a bit but it will take a couple weeks before that comes back," he added.

With Lou Acevski's great form of late, Coach Vlado Vanis has yet another selection dilemma on his hands, as has recently been the case. "(Martin) John is still not match fit and he'll definitely spend another three weeks in youth team and possibly on the bench for the first team," declared Vanis.



Martin John has finally returned after a four month lay off.

Vasilevski away for a month

Melbourne Knights youngster Daniel Vasilevski will be away from the Knights squad for a month with the Australian U/20 squad.

The squad has spent the past week at the International Sports Centre in Coffs Harbour, playing friendly matches against local representative teams.

The squad is gearing up for the Oceania Qualifiers of the World Youth Cup, to be held in the Cook Islands from this week.

Soccer Australia's annual report released

Soccer Australia this week released the 2000 Annual Report, with the Board of Directors of Soccer Australia reporting on the successful rebuilding of the financial status of the organisation.

Chairman Basil Scarsella is pleased to announce a positive financial result for this year, enabling a recovery from the previous deficit.

"I am delighted that following this year's surplus of $1.0m, we have fully recovered the accumulated deficit of $2.7m which the current administration inherited," Scarsella said.

"Importantly, Soccer Australia is now well placed to continue to generate surpluses for the foreseeable future," he added.

In addition to the healthier financial aspects of the organisation, Soccer Australia has sought to continue in the directions established by the Soccer 21 plan.

"The Board is also pleased with the focus on achieving the objectives of the Soccer 21 strategic plan.

"Progress has been made on key initiatives including unification of the game throughout Australia, international success and recognition, restructure and rationalisation of the National Soccer League and continued growth at grass roots level," Scarsella concluded.

The Annual Report also outlines the achievements of the National Teams, Aussies Abroad, Coaching & Development, the NSL and NYL, amongst many other issues.

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Hat-trick hero!!

"It's his first hat-trick in the NSL and he played well and earned it with his game last Friday night. Hopefully that will lift him and he'll be more confident, but I believe he can be amongst the top scorers in NSL."

- Knights coach Vlado Vanis on Cervinski's spectacular effort against the Power.

"He has never quite lived up to his potential... But he was always mentioned in the same breath as Viduka."

- Johnny Warren describing Adrian Cervinski's enormous talent on Toyota World Sports.

Last week's match

With Captain Andrew Marth away on business commitments in the USA, it was never going to be easy for the Knights, particularly against a side that was holding down sixth spot on the table and only a point above us.

Adrian Cervinski's started and ended the move that lead to one of the quickest goals of the season, 31 seconds to be precise. He gained possession in the middle of the park and released Andy Vargas wide on the right. Vargas combined with Daniel Vasilevski as Cervinski eventually received the cross on the 6-yard box and stabbed the ball home.

Parramatta had the better of the match for the remainder of the half but some fine keeping from Lou Acevski kept the Power at bay.

Cervinski again struck early in the second half after fooling the Power defence to double the Knights' lead.

An Ahmad Elrich cross was deflected by Steve Horvat and fell perfectly for Milan Blagojevic who headed home from close range. But Cervinski put the issue beyond doubt only a minute later, fooling Power keeper Les Pogliacomi and slotting the ball home from a tight angle after a delightful long pass from Lubo Lapsansky.

Parramatta Power 1 - 3 *M Blagojevic 85'*	**Melbourne Knights** *A Cervinski 1'/68'/86'*
20 Les Pogliacomi (gk) (1 A. Crews)	20 Lupce Acevski (gk) (29 Robert Graskoski)
3 Ahmad Elrich	2 Daniel Vasilevski (13 Antun Kovacic 91')
5 Alex Tobin (23 Andrew Clark 58')	3 Rodrigo Vargas
9 Joe Miller	4 Sasa Ognenovski
11 Steve Berry (10 Joel Griffiths 46')	9 Joel Porter (5 Jason Vukadin 88')
12 Damien Brown	16 Alex Kiratzoglou
13 Milan Blagojevic	18 Andy Vargas
21 Hamilton Thorp (16 S. Taliadoros 73')	22 Toto Da Costa
22 Joe Vrkic	23 Steve Horvat
28 Peter Bennett	25 Adrian Cervinski (19 Anthony Pelikan 91')
29 David Lee	28 Lubo Lapsansky

Referee: Con Diomis

<u>Cautions</u>

D Brown 11'
H Thorp 18'
P Bennett 26'
K Taliadoros 87'
J Porter 28'

SPORTS master

Lupce Acevski: The underrated one

By David Davutovic

Goalkeepers are often the most underrated players in a side and this may also be the case at Melbourne Knights, where 23-year old Lupce Acevski has been as steady as ever between the sticks.

Vlado Vanis' appointment at the Knights last season was a blessing in disguise for Acevski, who followed Vanis to Knights Stadium after earning the prestigious 'Victorian Premier League goalkeeper of the year' award in season 1999.

Acevski patiently waited his turn and Vanis played him in the final six home and away matches of the season, when there was little pressure on the squad who were already out of the finals race, and he managed to gain some valuable experience.

Vanis' decision to play Acevski and familiarise him with the demands of the NSL may prove the decisive factor in the Knights making the finals this season. With six games to shake off the cobwebs in the 1999/2000 season, he has been able to concentrate solely on his goalkeeping this season without the additional nerves of a first game player.

Acevski's chance came after an injury to Martin John during training after the Round 1 victory against Brisbane Strikers. Although you can put that down to an ounce of luck, you can bet your bottom dollar that Acevski won't be letting his goalkeeping position slip easily with John returning from injury.

Lou Acevski's form this season has been nothing short of sensational and with Martin John returning from injury, the No. 1 goalkeeping shirt will be hotly contested with the finals approaching

How have you settled into the National Soccer League (NSL) since joining the Victorian Premier League (VPL)?

I've settled in pretty well. Last season was a bit difficult but this season I've worked hard and played most of the matches so it has been pretty good actually. It's a huge step from VPL, many people underestimate the NSL and I admit I'm guilty of that as well when first joining the Knights. But as soon as I came in I noticed everyone was in a different class to that of the VPL. In the Premier League, you have 2-3 good players in a team where as here all players are at a very high standard.

How did the six games you played last season help you out when called upon in Round 2?

They helped a lot, particularly with a bit of experience behind my back and it was a lot of pressure off my shoulders coming into this season, especially after playing 6 games in 1999/2000. So when I was called upon in the second game of season I just thought to myself I have to do the same thing as last season and basically just play and enjoy myself.

Are you happy with your form this season?

I'm very happy with my own form at the moment, especially the last 3-4 games, and now we're on a winning streak, so hopefully it just continues.

Do you feel pressured with Martin John returning from injury?

No not at all, it's always good to have 2-3 good goalkeepers in a team. It does put a bit of pressure on you, but I'm there to do a job and doesn't matter if it's Martin or somebody else pressuring me, I've always got to work hard to keep my position.

What have been the reasons for the turnaround in form over the past month?

Basically when the new boys came in it was unsettling as has been well documented. It simply came down to the fact that there were four new faces in the team and it's something that would happen to anybody. When we played in Newcastle everything just clicked and the boys are all together again and all getting on very well, so it's good to have the team harmony back. The fact that these four players are quality has also helped the settling in process.

You are now in sixth position, what has to be done to remain in the top six?

We have to win every game at home and we also have to pick up points away like we have been. There are about 13 games to go and I don't think we can lose more than three games for the rest of the year.

How important is today's game against Canberra, a team who we haven't beaten for a number of years?

It's always the case when we play these lower teams and these so-called cellar-dwellers, it's almost difficult getting yourself motivated. But it's different playing South Melbourne or Perth and coming back and playing Canberra. When we played them in Round 3 they put three goals past us, so we'll have to give it back to them and go out there and get the three points today.

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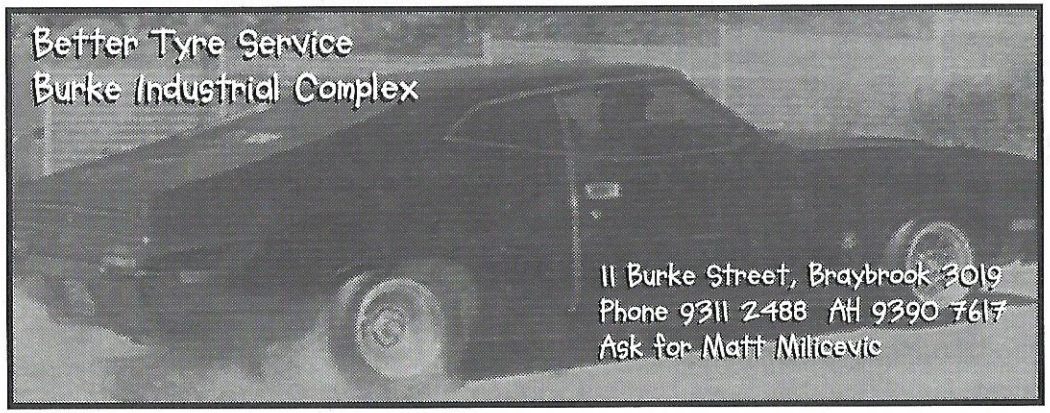

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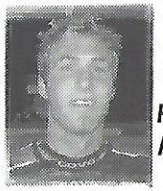
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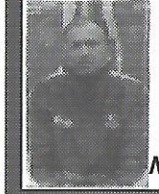
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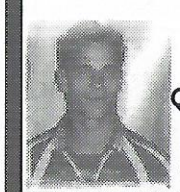
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CANBERRA COSMOS' SQUAD FOR TODAY'S MATCH

A Konstantinou (gk), T Popovich, N Purdue, D Arranz, M Cortes, S Lyons, R Hooker, B Scott, H Miyazawa, I Prenzoski, A Ravanello, M Hagger, N Imaya, J Angelucci, B Smith (gk)

Tom Sermanni - NSL coaching career

Tom Sermanni has done extremely well with the Canberra Cosmos considering their lack of resources.

Matches: 74
Clubs: Sydney Olympic, Canberra Cosmos
Record: *22 wins, 17 draws, 35 losses*

Tom Sermanni was born in Scotland and played his football with Albion Rovers (Scotland), Christchurch United (New Zealand), Blackpool and Torquay (England) and Marconi and Canberra City (NSL).

He coached the Australian Schoolboys team between 1989 and 1991 and he later went on to coach the Australian Women's national team between 1994 and 1996.

Sermanni moved to Japan with Eddie Thompson to become his assistant at San Frecce Hiroshima between 1996 and 1998.

Sermanni's only previous coaching stint in the NSL was with Sydney Olympic in the 1993/94 season.

Today's match

By Lance Jenkinson

HEAD TO HEAD (Overall):		HEAD TO HEAD (in Melbourne)	
Played:	12	Played:	6 (regular season)
Knights wins:	5	Knights wins:	3
Cosmos wins:	2	Cosmos wins:	1
Draws:	5	Draws:	2

Tonight a hot to trot Melbourne Knights take to the park gunning for their fourth win in as many weeks. It won't be easy as they face a highly competitive Canberra Cosmos outfit.

The Cosmos sit in 11th spot on the league ladder with a very good away record. Their record stands at 4 wins and 2 draws from their 10 away matches. Their home record is dismal. The Melbourne Knights players won't believe that as they were hammered 3-nil on their last journey to Canberra's Bruce Stadium.

Last weekend, the Knights put on a near faultless display as they toppled sixth placed Parramatta Power and stole their ladder position going into round 18. Canberra suffered a 2-1 defeat at home to the Marconi Stallions. Striker Mark Hagger had a golden opportunity to send in an equaliser for the Cosmos but his glancing header went wide of the post. Canberra coach Tom Sermanni can take a lot out of his clubs first half of the season. A better home record may even see them in the top six.

Canberra's Carlton recruit Con Anthopoulos starred in a man of the match performance last weekend. He looks as though he could play a vital role in Cosmos defence this season. He joins captain Robbie Hooker, Japanese import Hiroshi Miyazawa and Nicholas Purdue. David Milin may miss due to a knee injury suffered against Marconi.

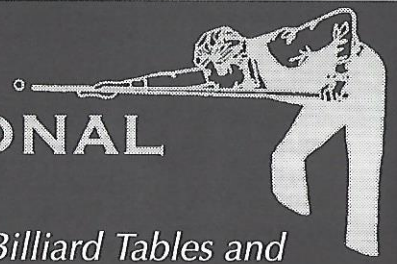
The midfield has a number of key players missing. Marcus Phillips underwent a hernia operation during the week, Andrew Ravenello will be missing due to a hamstring injury and Alex Castro is still on trial overseas. They are huge losses for the Cosmos midfield who will be up against the likes of Andrew Marth, Lubo Lapsansky and Andy Vargas.

Jon Angelucci, David Arranz, Milton Cortes and another Japanese import Naoki Imaya will have to occupy the midfield positions. Most attacking plays will be through Cortes and we can expect Imaya to push up forward to help out strikers Brad Scott and Hagger.

Angelo Konstantinou will stand in goal for the Cosmos.

Congratulations are in for captain "stabber" Marth. He comes into the team to play his 200th National Soccer League match. That alone should be enough inspiration to get the home side over the line. Marth is one of the Knights favourite sons and should receive a huge reception from the Knights supporters tonight.

The stakes are high for both clubs. A loss for Canberra would probably see the end of their finals aspirations. A negative result for the Knights will see them topple out of the top six. Lets hope the Knights have finally found some consistency.



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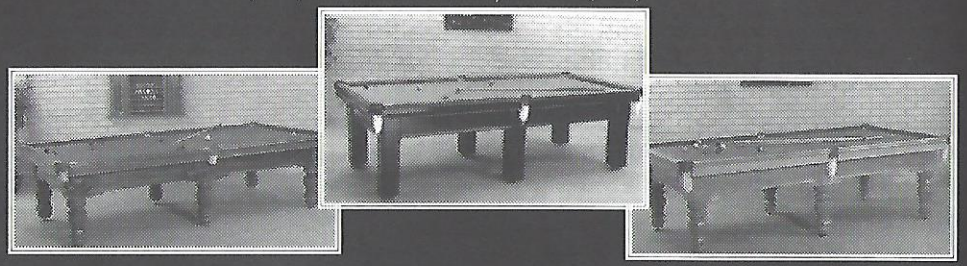

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National Youth League

By Roy Hay

A single goal by Imran Balla gave Green Gully Cavaliers its victory over the Melbourne Knights Academy on Friday at Knights Stadium. The goal came four minutes into the second half to enliven what had been a fairly ordinary game. There were two red cards. For the Academy Ante Cirjak and Haris Vrbovac were the top performers.

In the only other Round 15 match played this week-end, Eastern Pride and the VIS played a scoreless draw at Mobil Stadium. Defences were on top and when the forwards did break through there was always someone on the line to clear. Full back Rob Ashby was the Pride's hero, putting in a series of good tackles and seeming to have a magnet which attracted everything in the air. For the VIS, keeper Fred Au was outstanding once again and some of his saves took the breath away. The hot conditions took their toll, but there was no lack of effort, only goals were missing.

Southern Division 2000-01 ~ Round Fifteen

Melbourne Knights Academy 0
Green Gully Cavaliers 1
(Imran Balla)

Peninsula Blues
v
Fawkner Blues
(Match not played)

VIS 0
Eastern Pride 0

South Melbourne 4
(Steve Esposito, Steve Manceski, Michael Batinovic, Steve Iosifidis)
South Melbourne Eagles 0

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Leading Goalscorers
Southern Division

19 goals:
Steve Manceski (South Melbourne)
12 goals:
Nick Waite (Carlton Peninsula Blues)
11 goals:
Denis Mustac (Eastern Pride)
9 goals:
Viktor Memeti (South Dandenong)
Brett Cunningham (Fawkner Blues)
8 goals:
Daniel Debevc (Whittlesea Stallions)
Arif ElDib (South Melbourne)
Josip Loncaric (Melbourne Knights)

NB This list includes goals scored for and against Carlton/Whittlesea Stallion

National Youth League Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**Eastern Pride**	**14**	**11**	**1**	**2**	**+36**	**34**
2	**South Melbourne Inst**	**13**	**11**	**0**	**2**	**+52**	**33**
3	**Melbourne Knights**	**13**	**10**	**0**	**3**	**+25**	**30**
4	**Peninsula Blues**	**13**	**9**	**0**	**4**	**+22**	**27**
5	**VIS**	**15**	**8**	**2**	**5**	**+6**	**26**
6	South Melbourne Eagles	11	6	1	4	+3	19
7	Melbourne Knights Academy	12	6	0	6	-5	18
8	South Dandenong	11	5	2	4	-1	17
9	Green Gully Cavaliers	13	3	3	7	-12	12
10	Albury Wodonga Warriers	13	3	2	8	-20	11
11	Bulleen Zebras	14	2	4	8	-16	10
12	Fawkner Blues	13	3	1	9	-22	10
12	Preston Lions	13	1	0	12	-59	9

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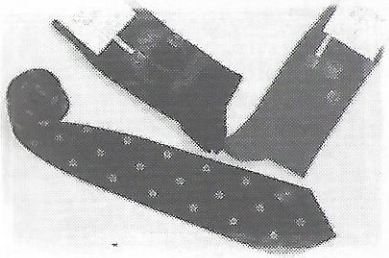

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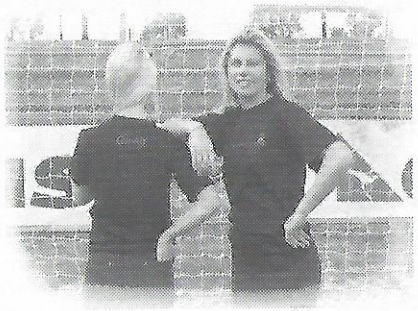

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Key match-ups By David Davutovic

ANDREW MARTH V ROBBIE HOOKER

The two Captains and the two anchor men in the midfield, Andrew Marth and Robbie Hooker are two of the most experienced players in the NSL and are arguably their respective team's most influential players. Marth is back after missing last weeks game and he will most likely replace Daniel Vasilevski, with either Alex Kiratzoglou or Andy Vargas playing in a wider position. Marth has scored three goals (two penalties) since joining the Knights, whilst Hooker has only recently moved into the midfield to add a bit more stability. These two tough-tackling veterans of the NSL will be pumping up their teammates today, but with the Knights' recent run of results, you would have to put your money on 'Stabber's men to keep the points in Melbourne.

ANDY VARGAS V MARK HAGGER

You get the feeling that today's game will be won or lost in the midfield. Andy Vargas and Mark Hagger are both goalscoring midfielder capable of creating opportunities for their respective attacks. Hagger almost scored a late equaliser against Marconi last week, and is a very dangerous player around the penalty area. Vargas made the most of his return to the side, setting up Adrian Cervinski for the opening goal of the match after only 31 seconds. Neither player is goal shy and both need to marked tightly by the opposition.

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NSL Fixture

Rounds 17-30

Round	17	w/e 4th February 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	**02-02-01**	**Parramatta Power**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**7:30pm**	**Parramatta Stadium**
Sat	03-02-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Marconi Stallions	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Carlton	6:30pm	WIN Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Kingz	7:00pm	Mobil Park
Sun	04-02-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Perth Glory	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	04-02-01	Sydney United	Vs	Adelaide City Force	5:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	04-02-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Northern Spirit	TBA	TBA

Round	18	w/e 11th February 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	09-02-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Eastern Pride	7:30pm	North Sydney Oval
Fri	09-02-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Kingz	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
Fri	09-02-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Sydney Olympic	8:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	10-02-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Sydney United	7:00pm	Perth Oval
Sat	10-02-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Parramatta Power	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	10-02-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	7:00pm	Marconi Stadium
Sun	**11-02-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**Canberra Cosmos**	**6:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	11-02-01	Carlton	Vs	South Melbourne	TBA	TBA

Round	19	w/e 18th February 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	16-02-01	Kingz	Vs	Northern Spirit	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	17-02-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	6:30pm	TBA
Sat	**17-02-01**	**Wollongong Wolves**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**6:30pm**	**WIN Stadium**
Sat	17-02-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Adelaide City Force	7:00pm	Mobil Park
Sun	18-02-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	4:00pm	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	18-02-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Marconi Stallions	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	18-02-01	Sydney United	Vs	Carlton	5:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	18-02-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Perth Glory	TBA	TBA

Round	20	w/e 25th February 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	23-02-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Northern Spirit	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
Fri	23-02-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Kingz	8:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	24-02-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Parramatta Power	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sat	24-02-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Eastern Pride	7:00pm	Perth Oval
Sat	24-02-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Sydney United	7:00pm	Marconi Stadium
Sun	25-02-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	**25-02-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**South Melbourne**	**6:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	25-02-01	Carlton	Vs	Sydney Olympic	TBA	TBA

Round	21	w/e 4th March 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	02-03-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Adelaide City Force	7:30pm	North Sydney Oval
Fri	02-03-01	Kingz	Vs	Perth Glory	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	03-03-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sat	03-03-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Parramatta Power	6:30pm	WIN Stadium
Sat	03-03-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Carlton	7:00pm	Mobil Park
Sun	04-03-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	South Melbourne	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	**04-03-01**	**Sydney United**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**4:00pm**	**Sydney United Sports Centre**
Sun	04-03-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Marconi Stallions	TBA	TBA

Round	22	w/e 11th March 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	09-03-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Adelaide City Force	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
Sat	10-03-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sat	10-03-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Northern Spirit	7:00pm	Perth Oval
Sat	10-03-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Eastern Pride	7:00pm	Marconi Stadium
Sun	11-03-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Sydney United	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	**11-03-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**Sydney Olympic**	**6:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	11-03-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	South Melbourne	4:00pm	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	11-03-01	Carlton	Vs	Kingz	TBA	TBA

Round	23	w/e 18th March 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	16-03-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Carlton	7:30pm	North Sydney Oval
Fri	16-03-01	Kingz	Vs	Marconi Stallions	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	16-03-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Perth Glory	8:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	16-03-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	7:30pm	WIN Stadium
Sat	**17-03-01**	**Eastern Pride**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**7:00pm**	**Mobil Park**
Sun	18-03-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	18-03-01	Sydney United	Vs	Parramatta Power	4:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	18-03-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	TBA	TBA

Round	24	w/e 25th March 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	23-03-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Perth Glory	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
Fri	23-03-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	South Melbourne	7:30pm	WIN Stadium
Sat	24-03-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Sydney United	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sat	24-03-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Northern Spirit	7:00pm	Marconi Stadium
Sun	25-03-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Eastern Pride	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	**25-03-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**Kingz**	**6:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	25-03-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Sydney Olympic	4:00pm	Parramatta Stadiumn
Sun	25-03-01	Carlton	Vs	Adelaide City Force	TBA	TBA

Round	25	w/e 1st April 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	**30-03-01**	**Northern Spirit**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**7:30pm**	**North Sydney Oval**
Fri	30-03-01	Kingz	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	30-03-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Marconi Stallions	8:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	31-03-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Carlton	7:00pm	Perth Oval
Sat	31-03-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Parramatta Power	7:00pm	Mobil Park
Sun	01-04-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	01-04-01	Sydney United	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	3:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	01-04-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	TBA	TBA

Round	26	w/e 8th April 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	06-04-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Kingz	7:30pm	Parramatta Stadium
Fri	06-04-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Carlton	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
Sat	07-04-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Sydney Olympic	6:30pm	WIN Stadium
Sat	07-04-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Eastern Pride	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sat	07-04-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Perth Glory	7:00pm	Marconi Stadium
Sun	08-04-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Northern Spirit	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	**08-04-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**Adelaide City Force**	**6:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	08-04-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Sydney United	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium

Round	27	w/e 16th April 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	13-04-01	Kingz	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	13-04-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Parramatta Power	7:30pm	North Power Stadium, Gosford
Sat	**14-04-01**	**Perth Glory**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**7:00pm**	**Perth Oval**
Sat	14-04-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	7:00pm	Mobil Park
Sun	15-04-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	8:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Mon	16-04-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	South Melbourne	TBA	TBA
TBA	-04-01	Carlton	Vs	Marconi Stallions	TBA	TBA
TBA	-04-01	Sydney United	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	TBA	Sydney United Sports Centre

Round	28	w/e 22nd April 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Fri	20-04-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Marconi Stallions	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
Sat	21-04-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Adelaide City Force	7:30pm	TBA
Sat	21-04-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Kingz	6:30pm	WIN Stadium
Sat	21-04-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Northern Spirit	6:30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sun	22-04-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Perth Glory	6:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	**22-04-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**Carlton**	**6:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	22-04-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Eastern Pride	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	22-04-01	Sydney United	Vs	Sydney Olympic	3:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre

Round	29	25th April 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Wed	25-04-01	Kingz	Vs	South Melbourne	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
Wed	25-04-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Sydney United	7:00pm	Mobil Park
Wed	25-04-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	TBA	TBA
Wed	25-04-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	3:00pm	North Sydney Oval
Wed	25-04-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	4:30pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Wed	25-04-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Parramatta Power	7:00pm	Perth Oval
Wed	25-04-01	Carlton	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	TBA	TBA
Wed	**25-04-01**	**Marconi Stallions**	**Vs**	**Melbourne Knights**	**7:00pm**	**Marconi Stadium**

Round	30	29th April 2001			Kick Off	Venue
Date		Club		Club		
Sun	**29-04-01**	**Melbourne Knights**	**Vs**	**Newcastle Breakers**	**3:00pm**	**Knights Stadium**
Sun	29-04-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Marconi Stallions	3:00pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	29-04-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Carlton	3:00pm	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	29-04-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Perth Glory	3:00pm	Bruce Stadium
Sun	29-04-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Adelaide City Force	3:00pm	WIN Stadium
Sun	29-04-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Northern Spirit	3:00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	29-04-01	Sydney United	Vs	Kingz	3:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre
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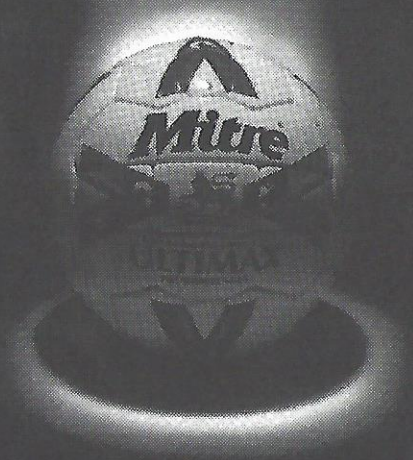

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Review - Round 17

Brisbane Strikers 0
Newcastle United 0
Venue: Ballymore
Crowd: 1,360

Canberra Cosmos 1 (N Imaya 57')
Marconi Stallions 2
(R Brownlie 34', K Trajanovski 40')
Venue: Bruce Stadium
Crowd: 1,822

Parramatta Power 1 (M Blagojevic 85')
Melbourne Knights 3 (A Cervinski 1', 68', 86')
Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Crowd: 2,475

South Melbourne 1 (C Boutsianis 56')
Perth Glory 1 (J Harnwell 58')
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium
Crowd: 12,917

Eastern Pride 1
(A Motsiopoulos 72')
Kingz FC
(D Ibrahim 27', A Lines 49', P Urlovic 67')
Venue: Mobil Park
Crowd: 1,239

Sydney United 2
(C Menapi 28', 48')
Adelaide City Force 1
(S Tunbridge 69')
Venue: Sydney United Sport Centre
Crowd: 2,754

Sydney Olympic 2
(D MacAllister 30', P Cardoso 44')
Northern Spirit 1
(G Mendez 28')
Venue: Belmore Sports Ground
Crowd: 7,128

NSL Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**South Melbourne**	17	10	5	1	+23	38
2	**Sydney Olympic**	17	9	3	4	+12	33
3	**Perth Glory**	17	8	5	3	+20	32
4	**Marconi Stallions**	17	8	5	3	+11	32
5	**Wollongong Wolves**	15	7	4	2	+14	31
6	**Melbourne Knights**	17	7	3	6	+5	27
7	Sydney United	17	6	5	5	-2	26
8	Parramatta Power	17	7	1	8	+3	25
9	Adelaide City Force	16	6	2	7	-3	23
10	Kingz FC	17	5	4	7	-2	22
11	Canberra Cosmos	17	4	3	8	0	21
12	Northern Spirit	16	4	4	7	0	19
13	Brisbane Strikers	17	3	5	8	-5	17
14	Newcastle United	17	2	7	7	-14	16
15	Eastern Pride	17	1	4	11	-11	10

Leading Goalscorers:

Damian Mori (*Perth Glory*)	11		Bobby Despotovski (*Perth Glory*)	8
Archie Thompson (*Marconi*)	10		**Adrian Cervinski (*Knights*)**	**7**
Ben Burgess (*Northern Spirit*)	9		Scott Chipperfield (*W'gong Wolves*)	7
Joe Miller (*Parramatta Power*)	9		Andy Vlahos (*South Melbourne*)	7

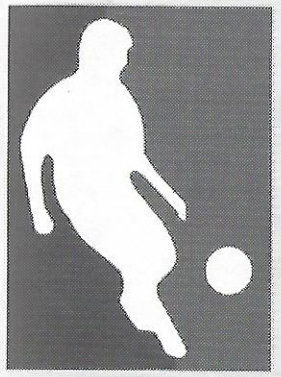
Knights Abroad

- In the FA Carling Premiership, **MARK VIDUKA** played the full 90 minutes as Leeds United beat the dangerous Ipswich 2-1 away from home last weekend. He also managed a full game against Coventry, with Leeds winning 1-0 at home. Viduka picked up a caution in the 59th minute.

- **DANNY TIATTO** played a full game as Manchester City drew 1-1 away to Middlesbrough. He again played a full match and scored his second goal of the season in the 47th minute, and was one of the best on park, as Manchester City drew 1-1 at home to Liverpool.

- **JOEY DIDULICA** remained on the bench, as Ajax beat De Graafschap 3-1 away from home in the Dutch First Division. After extending his contract with the Dutch glamour club, Didulica's long term future at the club is looking bright, as he pushes for first team selection.

- In the German Bundesliga, elegant sweeper **JOSIP SIMUNIC** played a full game, as Hertha Berlin beat Bochum 3-1 away from home. Simunic is now injury free and is gradually establishing his spot in the first team.



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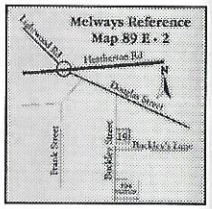

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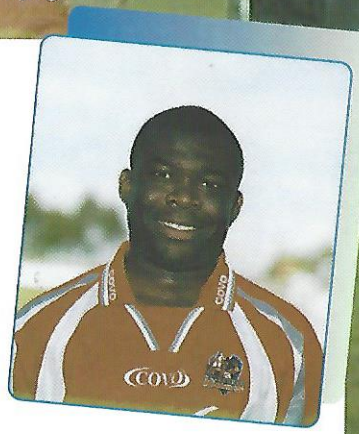

Name:	*Ransford Banini*
Nickname:	*Brother, Roger*
D-O-B:	*10/10/73*
Star sign:	*Libra*
City of birth:	*Ghana*
Ethnic Origin:	*Ghana*
Occupation:	*Soccer player*
Marital status:	*Single*
Height:	*169cm*
Weight:	*77kg*
Brand soccer boot worn:	*Kelme*
Clubs played for:	*Melbourne Knights, Pumas, Zebras, Stallions*
Career highlight to date:	*Youth World Cup*
Favourite actor:	*Zoran Markovski*
Favourite actress:	*Whoopi Goldberg*
Favourite Comedian:	*Zoran Markovski*
Favorite TV show:	*Cosby Show*
Favorite TV character:	*Fonzie*
Favorite cartoon character:	*Fat Albert*
Favourite magazine:	*Picture*
Favourite band/singer:	*Bob Marley*
Favourite food:	*Pasta*
Favourite drink (non-alcoholic):	*Water*
Favourite drink (alcoholic):	*Sub Zero*
Favourite overseas player:	*Zoran Markovski*
Favourite overseas team:	*Manchester United*
Most admired Australian (local):	*Zoran Markovski*
Most admired Australian (OS):	*Joey Didulica*
Most admired Sportsperson:	*Mohammed Ali, Mick Jordan*
Major influences:	*Father*
Words of advice:	*Work hard!*

Melbourne Knights 2000/01

Top: Daniel Vasilevski, Lubo Lapsansky, Anthony Pelikan, Ivan Jolic, Joel Porter, Ransford Banini, Xhezair Sulemani, Adrian Cervinski

Middle: Ivan Zelic, Zoltan Zold, Sasa Ognenovski, Lupce Acevski, Robert Graskoski, Martin John, Andrew Marth, Steve Horvat, Antun Kovacic

Front: Toto Da Costa, Joey Rajher, Jason Vukadin, Paul Magdic, Andy Vargas, Rodrigo Vargas, Alex Kiratzoglou, Dragi Nastevski

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4	Sasa OGNENOVSKI
5	Jason VUKADIN
6	Joey RAJHER
7	Josip KOZIC
8	Dragi NASTEVSKI
9	Joel PORTER
10	Ivan ZELIC
11	Xhezair SULEMANI
13	Antun KOVACIC
14	Paul MAGDIC
15	Ransford BANINI
16	Alex KIRATZOGLOU
17	Ivan RAZOV
18	Andy VARGAS
19	Anthony PELIKAN
20	Lupce ACEVSKI
21	Zoltan ZOLD
22	Toto Da COSTA
23	Steve HORVAT
25	Adrian CERVINSKI
26	Andrew MARTH (C)
27	Ivan JOLIC
28	Lubo LAPSANSKY
29	Robert GRASKOSKI

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1	Angelo KONSTANTINOU
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4	Andrew RAVANELLO
5	Nicholas PURDUE
6	Naoki IMAYA
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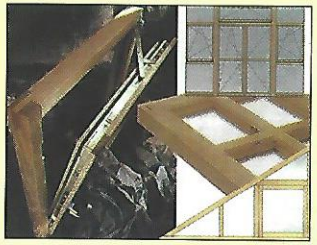
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